

# **Buzz Gibbs Day**

## **Presented by Councilmember Chris Cate**

July 13, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gibbs' father, Bill, purchased the airport in 1937 and started Gibbs Flying Service, a business Mr. Gibbs joined right out of college in 1970's and has managed for over 20 years; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, As a manager of the oldest family-owned Fixed Based Operator business in California, and the fourth busiest general aviation airport in the nation, Mr. Gibbs was always very knowledgeable and showed a friendly and down to earth approach towards everyone. As his employees described him, "he is a generous and benevolent man and a beacon of integrity"; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, His legacy includes helping thousands of people that have come through his doors to learn to fly, be a mechanic, or work in other areas of the aviation business. Most importantly, he introduced all to the culture and etiquette of aviation; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, In the community, Mr. Gibbs served as the Chair of the Kearny Mesa Planning Group, helping shape the present and future of the neighborhood. He sits on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Air and Space Museum, and was selected to serve on the Airport Advisory Committee, a seat that has been held since 2014; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gibbs continues a family tradition of contributing to the Bill Gibbs Scholarship at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. As of today, over \$277,000 has been awarded to graduating seniors of San Diego County High Schools with aviation and aerospace interests; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gibbs, who is not 84, but whose family business has been at Montgomery Gibbs Executive Airport for that long, decided to retire and seek new adventures. Mr. Gibbs plans on spending his retirement playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren. From all at the City of San Diego, the Airport Division, and the employees of the former Gibbs Flying Service, we would like to honor Mr. Gibbs and wish him the best in his retirement from aviation; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Diego proudly applauds Mr. Gibbs for his contribution to the general aviation, to Montgomery Gibbs Executive Airport, and to the citizens of San Diego; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim July 13, 2021 to be "**Buzz Gibbs Day**" in the City of San Diego.